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CONSCRIPTION ORDER TAGS NEGROES

War Department Blanks Just Issued Select Negro, Out Of Forty Races, And Places Badge Of Identification Upon Him. Negroes Much Displeased. Many Charge Government Is Imposing Further Humiliation Upon Race. Protest Sent To Washington. Plan Creates Grave Suspicions, About The Registration So Far As Negroes Are Concerned.

N. A. A. C. P. TO HOLD DIST. CONFERENCE

Questions Concerning Welfare Of Race To Be Discussed. Judge D. P. Dyer Expected To Speak. Nat. Sec. Roy Nash, Will Attend.

A special meeting of the St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held at Berea Presbyterian Church, 3018 Elm St., Monday, May 14, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present, as twenty delegates are to be elected to represent the local branch at District Conference, which will meet here May 18 to 20, inclusive. The district covers a broad area, from Cairo to Quincy, Ill., and all over Missouri, and about fifty delegates will be present. Questions affecting the welfare of the race will be discussed.

Y. M. C. A. Hear Dr. Bowen

The plans and specifications for the new Y. M. C. A. building have been put upon the market and it is estimated that in about ten days or two weeks the contract will be let and the work begun immediately. The Board of Managers at a recent meeting on Wednesday night expressed gratification at the way the building movement is progressing, and the men are looking forward to the time when the actual work on the new building will commence.

In the competition between the teams, the race continues to be exceedingly close between team 14 and team 15. Dr. C. H. Turner, captain of team 17, for the present time it has the leadership and has held it for a week. Team 14 made a strong bid to regain first place and is now only a few dollars behind.

For the Sunday meeting, Dr. Lewis will speak. This meeting will be held at 9 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building, 2702 Lawton avenue, and will, without doubt, be up to the usual standard of the strong association meetings.

MASONS TURN OUT FOR ORPHANS' HOME DAY

Perhaps you had the care of a loving mother, or a kind father, when you could not help yourself, but that is not the case with these poor little orphans that we have at the home. I am going to request all Masons to meet at our hall, Sunday, May 20th, at 1 o'clock, p. m., to help us in our work and to help us to bring in some aid to our Orphans' Home Day. This is real service. J. L. Henderson, District Deputy Grand Master.

BABALAS AND-BABALAS

A Negro was recently brought into court in a little town in Georgia, charged with assault and battery. The Negro, who was well known to the judge, was charged with having struck another "black-headed American" with a brick. After the usual preliminaries the judge inquired: "Why did you hit this man?" "Well, he called me a damn black nigger!" "Well, you are, aren't you?" "Yes, I am, but, judge, a nigger somebody'd call you a damn black nigger, wouldn't you hit 'em?" "But I'm not one, am I?" "Now, ma, law, sah, you ain't see! You nigger somebody'd call you a damn nigger, wouldn't you hit 'em?" "—Omaha Mailer.

ROOMING HOUSE KEEPERS MUST PAY LICENSE

The Prevention and Safety Laws, as Amended With Special License, Signs, Bell, Chemical Extinguishers. Fee Fifty Cents for Each Room Exceeding Four.

A new city ordinance, which went into effect recently requires all keepers of rooming houses to obtain a license. The fee charged is fifty cents each for all rooms, for rent, exceeding four. Applicants are required to comply with the State Fire Prevention and Safety Laws and must have their premises inspected by the Building Commissioner before the license is granted. Buildings not requiring fire escapes must provide, in every bedroom or sleeping apartment on the second and third floors, a manila rope at least five-eighths of an inch in diameter and of sufficient length to reach the ground, with knots made therein, not over fifteen inches apart, and of sufficient strength to sustain a weight of at least 150 pounds. Every apartment must be fastened near a window and kept in plain sight. Lights must be kept burning in the common stairways and halls on each floor from twilight to daybreak. All buildings full three stories or more must have iron stair fire escapes and be provided with transparent signs, fire bells and chemical extinguishers. A two dollar inspection fee is charged for all buildings having fifteen or more rooms. A fee of from \$5 to \$500 is the penalty for failure to comply with the law. The ordinance applies to all hotels, public lodging, rooming and boarding houses, without discrimination.

Closing Exercises Of Motin School

The closing exercises of the Motin School of Expression will be held at Wayman A. M. E. Church Monday evening, May 28, 1917. Miss Cecil Watts will be a special feature of the program. Dr. S. W. Hays, secretary of the board will preside. Dr. J. T. Canton, president of the Board, will present a memento of the Motin School of Expression. Public is invited. Admission 25 cents.

J. H. Shields Returns

J. H. Shields, furniture dealer, 2907 Lawton Ave., who has been on his vacation for the past three weeks, has returned to the city and has resumed his business at the old stand. During the time Mr. Shields was away, his store and shop were closed, but on his return he states that he will have a busy season, as he has stocked with new and used furniture, stoves, carpets, etc. All kinds of repairing will be done on shortest notice. Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit are among the places visited while away. Don't forget, at the same old stand, 2907 Lawton.

What Is Treason?

If an ordinary citizen should try to prevent the enlistment of any American citizen in the army or navy at this time he could and would be severely punished for it. We believe that such interference would be called treason. Certain southern Congressmen have openly opposed and are openly opposing the enlistment of Colored Americans, or their inclusion in any plan of using the military services of Colored men. If such interference would be called treason, what is it?

NEGRO EXODUS FROM THE SOUTH CAUSES CRISIS

West Point, Miss.—At a mass meeting of West Point and Clay County citizens the labor situation, resulting from the departure of thousands of Negroes for the North, was discussed. A resolution was passed providing for the appointment of a committee of twenty to inform each labor agent in the county that his business is ruinous to the county and also request him to desert from recruiting Negro labor for other parts of the country. The labor situation in many parts of Mississippi is approaching a crisis. In fact, the whole of the South is being aroused by the daily exodus of laborers, and action, similar to that taken at the West Point meeting, is being urged in other places. Negro employers advise the more conservative employers advise drastic action. It is pointed out that the labor agents have the protection of the law and that complications will inevitably result if the citizens proceed with the slight idea that the only way in which they can help their labor is by literally expelling the agents from their districts. Making conditions in the South more attractive to the Negro laborer will, it is said, be a more peaceful means of forcing the labor agent to close his doors.

There Is Something In A Name

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—On Wednesday the following resolution was introduced by Congressman F. Whelan, of California: "Resolved, That the colored people, and unannounced by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles."

Tabernacle Bap. 7 Day Meeting

BY BESSIE PAGE. Everything is now in readiness for a large anniversary of Tabernacle Baptist Church, which will be celebrated May 15th to 21st inclusive. Owing to its wide influence, pastors from the surrounding towns, and city pastors, as well as the business and professional men are expected to take part. A program has been arranged to suit each class of people who shall attend. Strangers have found Tabernacle a friendly and happy place, and new friends gather there. The pastor, S. A. Moseley, keeps in touch with the people of the south, which accounts for the rapid growth of the church. Last Sunday was busy day with us. Annual sermon, baptizing and covenant meeting were features of the day. Brother A. E. Fowler, who has been attending Western College, is with us again. The members of the church are asked to visit the sick of the church.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of James L. Underwood, formerly of Mississippi, should notify Capt. Hess of Laclede Avenue Police Station, or the A. R. O. office. His sister, Marie Leshwood, wishes to hear from him.

LANE TABERNALE C. M. E. CHURCH

The Pastoral Services held at the church this morning proved to be helpful, both in a spiritual and financial way. Sunday will be rally day, and every member is expected to do his best. Help cancel the debt on the church and if it be possible, every member will have special music. All are invited.

PROPOSED WAR REVENUE TAX HITS EVERYONE

Bill Designed to Raise \$1,000,000,000 In Year Will Tax Nearly Everything in Family and Business Life. Postal, Bank, Retail, Amusement, Household Bills, Small Income are Included.

The new war tax bill, designed to raise about \$1,000,000,000 of revenue in a year, proposes the most extensive and greatest load of taxation ever faced by the American people and will reach to the remote departments of business and household life. Some of the taxes will be on life and fire insurance, household electric and telephone bills, railroad tickets, admission to theaters and other amusements, club dues, automobiles, jewelry, wines, liquors, beer, tobacco, musical instruments, cosmetics, medicine, signs, bank checks, postal cards, letters and in fact everything that comes into the life of a family. Income tax will be charged on all salaries ranging from \$50 per month up. Post cards will cost two cents; newspapers will cost more for mailing and publishers will be required to pay five per cent on all advertising collections. The main revenue will come from incomes, inheritance, excess profits and imports. The measure is expected to pass both houses of Congress in a few days and to go into effect almost immediately.

BREAD TO BE 10 CENTS A LOAF

Bread will be 10 instead of 9 cents a loaf within two weeks, according to an announcement of the American Bakery Co. today. The high cost of flour given rise to the case. The American Bakery Co. comprises the Wells-Brother, Prand, Hyatt, Home and Reuck-Hoey bakeries, and other St. Louis bakers are expected to adopt the 10-cent loaf.

COLORED SOLDIERS ARE ON GUARD AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The First Separate Battalion, under the command of Major Walker, is on guard in Washington. The battalion had just returned from the Mexican border when it was ordered to do patrol duty at the capital. The unit has been made the strength of other battalions. Thirty of these men are detailed under Lieutenant Hood to act as messengers in the State, War and Navy Departments, a service at this crisis considered most delicate and important, since no one is admitted to any part of the building without a pass, and those thus admitted must be accompanied by one of these Colored messenger soldiers. Their role is rather stimulating to the race.

NOTICE

The Matrons' Council E. O. S. will meet Wednesday, May 16, at the residence of Mrs. Edwina Brown of 16 N. E. (Lafayette) at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Phoebe C. Stagg, president; Myrtle M. Poik, secretary.



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WEBSTER GROVE, MO. Mrs. L. Laird The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Bowen was held from the M. E. Church...

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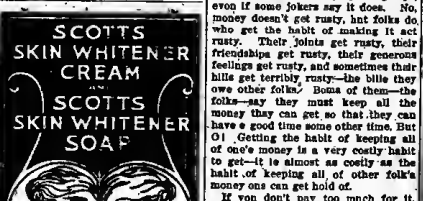
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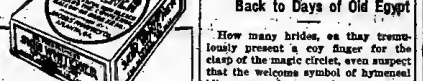
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The Believer and His Sin

A Study in the First Epistle of John

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The First Epistle of John might well be called the Epistle of Assurance, for it tells us certain things that we may know, and how we may know them. Among other things it tells us clearly the believer's forgiveness of sin. First, it tells us that his sins are forgiven as he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is said, "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name sake" (2:12).

Perhaps someone reading these words has never had his sins forgiven. He is carrying the burden of his guilt and knows nothing of the joy and peace in believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is such a one as the words of Paul, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38-39). It is possible to be forgiven for an unbeliever to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have at once the forgiveness of sin and to know that his sins are forgiven.

The Way of Cleansing. Then notice next that this epistle tells us of the provision made for the believer's cleansing from sin. This is set before us in the first chapter, seventh verse, where we read: "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." The word "cleanseth" makes it clear that there is a continual process ever going on in the believer's life by which he is made clean from sin. (Two ways God has provided for the believer's cleansing: First, through the blood of Jesus Christ; and, secondly, through the Word. We have the first method mentioned above; the second, when Jesus said to his disciples, "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3). Here we read of the "washing of the water by the word." The ever-present cleansing, which is the believer's through the blood of Christ, is perpetual in its effect and assures him that before God in Christ he is clean. He is cleansed by the Word and to do with his daily walk, and in measure as the believer permits the Holy Spirit to apply the Word to his life, it cleanses and keeps him from the fall of sin.

Complete Deliverance. Then we come to the third fact, which tells us how we may be delivered from the power of sin. "These things write I unto you that ye may not sin" (Revised Version 2:1). When we face this truth we are reminded of the most solemn truths in the Word of God. We may have been afraid of it because we have known certain teachings that has led into grave error. It is as a result we draw back when anyone talks about the possibility of the believer not sinning, but we are reminded of the fact that this expression "may not sin." If it does not mean that there is for the believer deliverance in this life from the power of sin, it is very evident from the context that the apostle is not teaching the eradication of sin when he says "may not sin," for he has just said, "We have no sin" (that is the root or principle of sin) we deliver ourselves and the truth is not in us. But in the face of this fact that sin is in us, apostle says "these things write I unto you that ye may not sin." By this he means the practice of sin, and in the text sets before us the possibility of the believer being delivered from the practice of sin. We may ask, "How?" The answer is, "through Christ."

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THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 13

JESUS THE TRUE VINE.

LESSON TEXT—John 15:1-8. GOLDEN TEXT—1st Tim. 2:10. BRIDGE—John 15:1.

This lesson chronologically follows that of last Sunday. Christ had risen with his disciples from the supper table (24:31), and the remainder of his discourse may have occurred in the upper room, or in the courtyard of the house before they left the city, or on the way to the garden of Gethsemane. I. THE AILING LIFE (vs. 1-4). Under the figure of the vine Jesus teaches spiritual truth by natural analogy. The vine is composed of roots, stem, branches, twigs, and fruit. There is no separate life; the branches are one with the vine. Christ is the head of that body which is the church to its true member. The life lived by the Christian is Christ's life bannanted, the purpose of which is fruit bearing. Discipleship is in order to fruitfulness—"My Father, the vine dresser" culling away any branch on which is not bearing fruit, and cleans every branch which does bear fruit to make it "bear richer fruit" (Moffat's translation). Paul tells us that "no chastening for the present seemeth to be grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11). Verse four suggests a double-aiding—we in him, and he in us—the branch depending upon the vine for life, and the vine depending upon the branch for fruit. Jesus had just been talking about his approaching death, and his disciples were full of grief. He tells us to be true, and to be tried, and by this figure assures them, that though he would leave them, he would still be joined to them. Although he had been a male clean, they are taught that the only way to keep clean is by "abiding," which is to be continued through the eternal life. It is given to us to hold fellowship with both the root that gives life, and the branch that stretches upward to glory.—A. J. Gordon. So long as we think of ourselves, and not of Christ, as the source of power, we shall miss the secret of fruitfulness.

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